

10. Audit of states that require fees for ballot measures. (Mortenson)

Five states require some form of fee or deposit to be paid by a petition sponsor. They are as follows:

1. Alaska: \$100 paid when filing application for petition proposal with the Lt. Governor. If the petition is not properly filed, the deposit is retained; if properly filed, refunded.
2. Mississippi: \$500 paid to the secretary of state to cover part of the administrative and publication costs.
3. Ohio: \$25 filing fee paid to the secretary of state not less than ten days prior to the start of a legislative session.
4. Washington: \$5 filing fee to be paid to the secretary of state.
5. Wyoming: \$500 non-refundable filing fee paid to the secretary of state when filing initiative application. Proceeds are deposited into the state general fund.